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POLAND: Threat to CSCE

*//Poland seems determined to make good on its threat to boycott any CSCE sessions that criticizes it, but will not have the meeting altogether. The internal situation remains unsettled, with the party attempting to increase its visibility and Solidarity stepping up its leaflet campaign. Meat supplies continue to dwindle.//*

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The Polish press on Saturday printed Deputy Foreign Minister Wiejacz's assertion that Poland will walk out of any CSCE meeting where the West tries to put Warsaw "in the dock." Poland is slated to chair the opening ministerial-level session in Madrid tomorrow. West German Foreign Minister Genscher stated yesterday that progress is still possible on CSCE issues, even though there will be discussion at the meeting of the situation in Poland.

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Comment: //Although the Poles have long taken a keen interest in CSCE and are bidding to host a post-Madrid security conference, the publication of Wiejacz's remarks suggests that Warsaw is willing to carry out on its threat, if only by boycotting some of the plenary sessions. This could throw at least the first day's session into a procedural wrangle.//

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//The Soviets may be inclined to force an extended procedural delay, hoping that busy ministers would have to go home and leave the discussion of Poland to lower level officials.//

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//Genscher is serving notice that Bonn holds to its opposition to an early CSCE recess. He wants to entice Moscow to stay in Madrid despite Poland and to convince Washington that West Germany will not change its policy. West Germany still hopes that agreement, or at least discussion, on a post-Madrid security conference is possible despite Polish developments.//

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Party Troubles

A senior official confirmed yesterday that the party had lost nearly half a million members in the last 18 months, and is trying to recruit workers who previously

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dropped out. He admitted that the party is having trouble rebuilding its ranks; even so, party purges at all levels will continue. Party officials have instructed local organizations to establish factory-level committees to oversee implementation of price increases on manufactured goods. The committees--composed of at least 50 percent workers--would ensure that price hikes are not "excessive." [ ]

Comment: The party's effort to project a more visible image reflects continuing sensitivity among the leaders and the rank and file over military domination of the country. Its attempts to gather new support will fail, and prospects are that membership will continue to decline. [ ]

### Meat Supplies

A government official admitted over the weekend that meat consumption this year would be only about 75 percent of the level of last year. He implied that meat rations would be further reduced, perhaps as early as next month. [ ]

Comment: The projected drop reflects the crippling of the poultry industry due to a lack of fodder and reduced levels of meat imports. Warsaw plans to import only 60,000 tons of meat this year--mainly from China--compared with 175,000 tons in 1981. [ ]

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PORTUGAL-USSR: Possible Expulsion of Soviet Diplomats

The Portuguese Socialist Party this weekend called on the Democratic Alliance government to expel some Soviet diplomats following a statement by a senior Soviet Embassy official publicly condemning Socialist leader Mario Soares. Soares incurred Soviet anger by charging Moscow with seeking to undermine democracy in Spain and Portugal. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Lisbon almost certainly will seize the opportunity to expel more Soviet diplomats after having sent home two Soviets last month as a protest against martial law in Poland. In any event, the government had been considering the expulsion of some Soviets in response to a Communist-sponsored general strike scheduled for Friday. The Portuguese Communists, who have always followed Moscow's lead, are suspected of having instigated a series of violent incidents directed primarily against the Socialists; the Soviets now have given the government a chance to retaliate. [REDACTED]

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NETHERLANDS: Delays in Comprehensive Defense Policy

Defense Minister van Mierlo is seeking to delay until September the government's announcement of its defense priorities for the next decade. In his request to the parliament for the postponement, van Mierlo indicated that the new policy will have to balance serious financial constraints against the need to maintain a credible conventional force. [REDACTED]

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Comment: Although major economic problems are hampering progress in developing a defense policy, differences within the center-left coalition over spending levels and uncertainty over the Geneva talks also are causing delay. Once it is announced, however, The Hague's first long-term defense policy statement since 1974 is likely to limit defense spending to less than 3 percent a year in real terms and to begin scaling down Dutch reliance on nuclear weapons. [REDACTED]

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NICARAGUA: Indian Villages Destroyed

*The Sandinista government is resorting to harsh measures to put down growing dissidence among the some 120,000 Miskito Indians along the northeast Atlantic coast region.*

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[redacted] entire villages are being destroyed along the Honduran border after the residents have been forcibly evacuated. At least five villages have been burned along a 30-kilometer mile section of the border, and the destruction appears even more widespread.// [redacted]

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//A Sandinista spokesman last week admitted there was considerable unrest among the large Miskito Indian population, but claimed it was instigated by foreign missionaries and former Somoza supporters operating from Honduras. He added that the government had been forced to move several Indian villages farther inland because of the necessity for counterinsurgency operations in the area.// [redacted]

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Comment: //The Sandinistas are likely to continue stern measures to eliminate any opposition in the region. They fear that unrest may spread to key Atlantic coast ports farther south as well as inland to the important coffee-growing center of Matagalpa. Both these areas have been scenes of antigovernment activity in the past.// [redacted]

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BOLIVIA: Austerity Program

President Torrelío has announced his long-awaited austerity measures--including a devaluation of the peso--to help Bolivia's worsening economic crisis and satisfy IMF requirements for financial assistance. [REDACTED]

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Comment: //The new measures are likely to incur widespread popular resistance, but Torrelío appears to have sufficient military support to weather the anticipated reaction. Prolonged violence, however, would shake this support and could provide a pretext for his military opponents to try to oust him.// [REDACTED]

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